

Bulletin for Statehouse, Capitol Mall Employees, November 18, 2004

*The exterior work described in this Capitol Renovation and Repair Bulletin represents only a very small portion of the total critical repair needs of the Idaho State Capitol Building.*

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## Contractors Filling in the Trenches This Week ... Efforts Being Taken to Minimize Noise, Disruption



Worker checks waterproofing membrane placed on Capitol's exterior below ground level.



New drainage pipe is installed at the base of the foundation to protect against leakage.

**W**ork is scheduled to be completed in all of the drainage areas requiring repair **by mid December**, according to **Jan Frew**, Design and Construction Manager, Division of Public Works.

The contractor began work on the Southwest drainage area on Thursday (Nov. 18). The trenches in the Northwest area were filled in on Wednesday, (Nov. 17). Work continues on the State Street planter areas and in the Southeast and Northeast drainage areas of the Statehouse building.

**The work** on the Southeast is the most extensive, Jan explains. This area has had the most water intrusion in the past. The contractor has excavated a hole that is 14 feet deep next to the building. Foundation protection is being installed the full depth of the wall to prevent further erosion of the foundation (*continued...*)



### Your Patience Is Appreciated

Every effort is being taken to minimize the disruption to our Statehouse employees as construction work continues over the next several weeks. Equipment noise and gas and diesel fumes have been particularly troublesome.

The contractor has been very cooperative in trying to mitigate these typical problems. Building **vents** are being closed off in affected areas to **lessen** the diesel odors. **Windowsills** have also been sealed off with tape. Carbon Monoxide **sensors** have been placed in the building to **monitor the air quality** so employees can be **alerted immediately** if any unsafe levels are detected. Please let us know of any future concerns, and how we may be of further assistance to you. *Thank You*

## ***Drainage Work Wrapping Up ...***

wall and to direct water away from the wall. One window well has been removed and will be re-built with a drain in the bottom so storm water can drain out.

### **South Side of Building Being Secured, Cleaned Up Before Holiday Tree Lighting**

The South side construction areas will be secured and cleaned up as much as possible for the **Capitol Holiday Tree Lighting** festivities set for **November 30th** on the Capitol Front Steps.

Landscaping will be repaired next year after the stone restoration work has been done in each area.

### **Extensive Dirt Removal, Digging Required**

The goal has been to make the drainage repairs before the wet and cold weather sets in. The work has been extensive due to the need for digging the soil to a **depth of about 10 feet right** next to the building to allow for the placement of drainpipe near the footings, and drainage fabric on the Capitol Building foundation walls.

Once the drainage work is complete, masonry preparation will take place. Construction personnel will be measuring and identifying masonry so that replacement stones can be ordered in time for work to resume early next spring.



**Workers prepare area for drainage repair  
on the Capitol's State Street side.**

### **Construction Trailer to be Located on Courthouse Parking Lot for Project's Duration**

State employees have probably noticed the addition of a white construction trailer located in the State Street employee parking lot directly behind the old Ada County Courthouse. The trailer will remain there for the duration of the Capitol construction activity, resulting in fewer parking spaces at that location. For more information, contact **Facilities Services Parking** at 332-1930.

### **Work Activity to Decrease Until Next Spring**

The next major phase of this exterior repair project—stone repairs, skylights, parapets and roof replacements will be initiated **next spring**. All of these critical Capitol repair projects are anticipated to take 18-months to complete.

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